

REMARKS

In view of the Board of Appeals decision dated January 5, 2010, claim 15 has been canceled and claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 15 therein. Claims 17-18 have been amended to depend from claim 16. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 16-27 will be pending in the present application.

All outstanding rejections of claims 16-27 were reversed by the decision of the Board of Appeals. Accordingly, in view of these amendments, claims 16-27 are considered to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Favorable consideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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